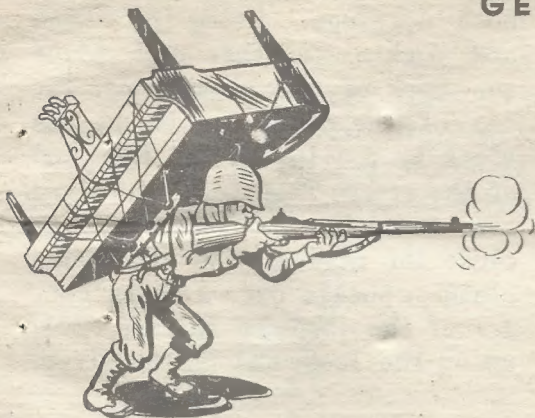


# USE of the PACKBOARD

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS



You can carry heavy, irregular loads on a packboard better than in any other way. This system also leaves your hands free. 50 pounds is an easy load and you can probably manage 100 pounds.



Make sure the canvas is tight. It keeps the wood off your back, keeps your back cooler, and lets the air in to dry the sweat.



The load is packed compact and high. Adjust the shoulder straps short to keep the load high and comfortable.



If the load is too heavy to pick up and sling on your shoulders, put your packboard upright on the ground, sit down with your back against it and slip into the shoulder straps. Then roll over onto your hands and knees and get up.



Set the packboard on a stump or bank when you need to rest.



Never drop your packboard to the ground no matter how light the load is.



# USE of LASHING ROPE

★ Any load can be attached to the packboard by means of the lashing rope. In fact, it is more efficient to use the rope rather than the quick release straps for such loads as bags and other non-rigid or irregularly shaped loads.



2 To pack the board, place the board flat with the shoulder straps down. Put the load on, keeping it compact and high, on the board with the heaviest articles on the upper half.

Tie a loop on one end of the lashing rope. Lash each piece on separately back and forth across the board. Pull 'em tight! It's no fun if the load falls apart.



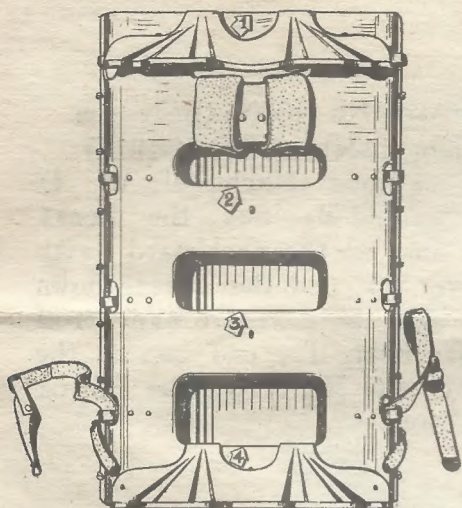
Use knots you can untie easily.... To tighten the ropes even more, slip the loose end around the top and bottom cross-loops, pull them together and hitch them as tight as possible.



Keep the lashing rope on the packboard when you are not carrying a load. Wind it around the top of the board.

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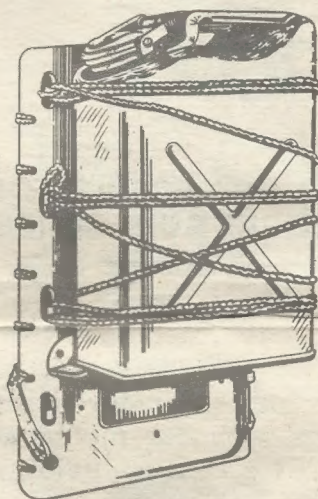


## ← **PACKBOARD ATTACHMENTS**

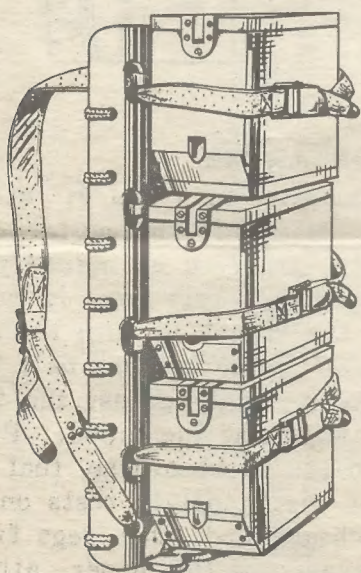
Packboard attachments are used not only for carrying loads which rest squarely on the shelf such as boxes, chests, 5 gallon cans, radios but also for heavy weapons.

The attachment flanges are slipped over the top edge of the packboard (1) or over the lower edge (2, 3, or 4) of any of the openings.

3 The load rests on the shelf and is held in place either by the lashing rope or by quick-release straps.



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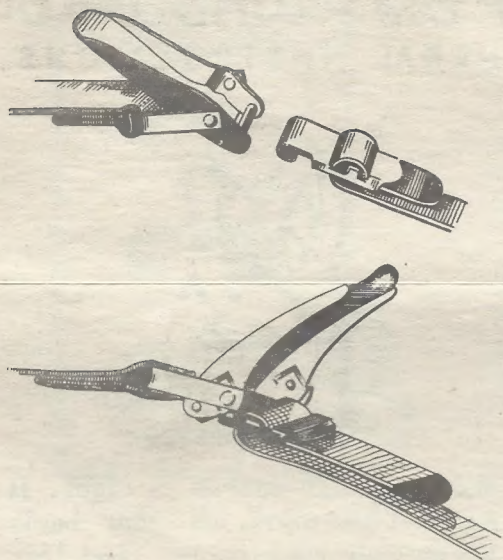


## ← **QUICK-RELEASE STRAPS**

Quick-release straps are necessary when you must put the load on and take it off fast. The number needed varies from one to three depending on the load.

An extra quick-release strap may be used as a belly band to keep the pack-board from flopping or swaying. Slip the strap through the bottom hook holes or behind the canvas and fasten in front of the body. A cartridge belt over the bottom ends of the shoulder strap can also serve the same purpose.

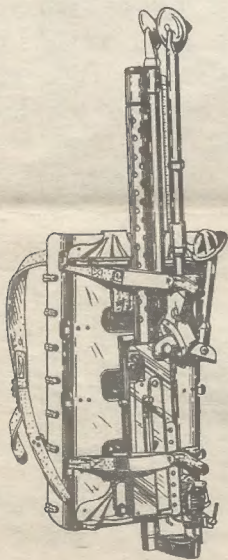
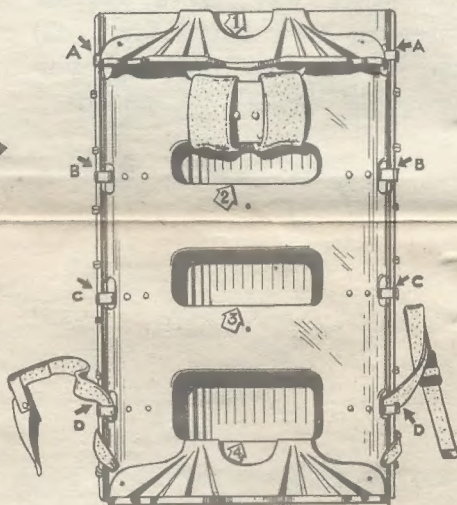




← Remove the buckle and slip the strap through any set of hook openings. Bring the clamp and buckle together and place the hook of the buckle over the bar of the clamp. Take up the slack by pulling on the free end of the strap. Then throw the clamp over to secure the load. Do not close the device with either the clamp or buckle over a sharp corner of the load. To release, pull up on the loose end of the strap.

#### ATTACHING HEAVY WEAPONS →

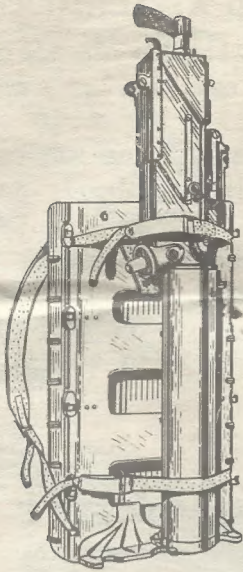
4 All heavy weapons can be carried on the packboard with the help of one or two attachments at 1, 2, 3 or 4. Quick release straps may be placed through A, B, C, or D.



#### ← LIGHT MACHINE GUN-(Browning Machine Gun, Caliber .30 M-1919)

Place attachments at 1 and 4; straps at A and D. Set the light machine gun on the packboard with the muzzle up and the bolt handle facing away from the board. Rest the back plate on the bottom attachment with the grip in the curved center recess. Tighten the quick release straps.



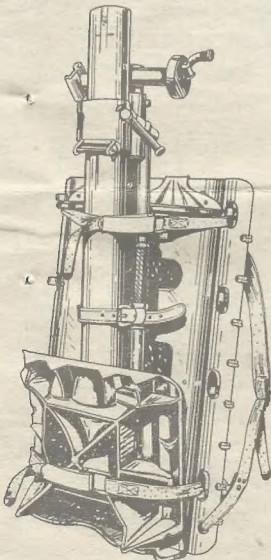
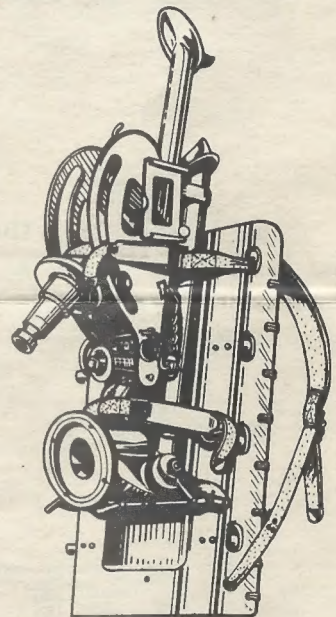


← **HEAVY MACHINE GUN.** (Browning Machine Gun, Caliber. 30, M-1917)

Place an attachment at 4; straps at A and D. Set the heavy machine gun on the packboard with the receiver up and the muzzle down and with the bolt handle away from the board. Rest the end cap on the attachment and tighten the quick release straps.

**TRIPOD AND CRADLE FOR HEAVY MACHINE GUN, CALIBER .30** →

5 Place the attachment at 3; straps at A and C. Remove cradle from tripod. Set tripod on the packboard with legs together and up and the socket away from the board. Set the cradle firmly on the tripod legs with the pintle away from the board. Slip the top quick release strap through the elevating arc. Tighten both straps.



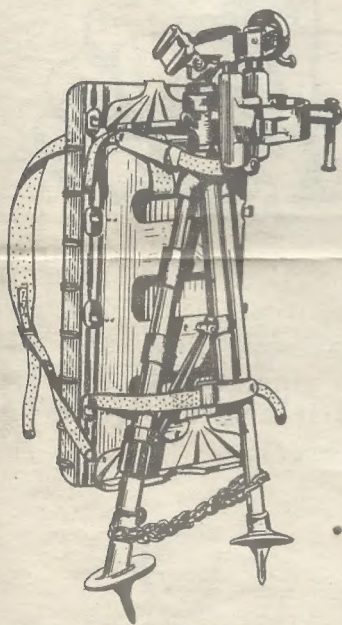
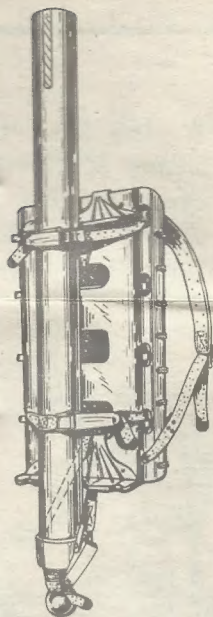
← **60 MM. MORTAR M2**

Place attachments at 1 and 4; straps at A and D. Dismount the mortar with the baseplate attached as normally to the point where the left leg is moved over against the right leg. Turn the baseplate around on its socket one half turn (180°) and lay it flat against the tube on the side away from the tripod. Place the mortar on the packboard so that the lower edge of the baseplate rests on the bottom attachment and the legs fit in the center recess of the upper attachment. Tighten the quick release straps.



### 81 MM. MORTAR MI--TUBE ➔

Place attachment at 1; straps at A and D. Slip a third strap through lower opening of packboard. Place second attachment at 4. Loop the third strap twice around the spherical projection and fasten the buckle. Place the tube, muzzle up, in the attachments and tighten the quick release straps.



### ← 81 MM. MORTAR MI--BIPOD

Place attachments at 1 and 4; straps at A and D. Set the bipod on the packboard so that the top of the guide tube rests in the center recess of the upper attachment and the legs rest in the side recesses of the lower attachment. Tighten the quick release straps.

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### 81 MM. MORTAR MI--BASEPLATE ➔

Place attachments at 1 and 4; straps at A and D. Rest the baseplate on the bottom attachment. Slip the upper attachment up slightly from the top edge of the packboard to clear the horizontal ridge on the baseplate. Tighten the quick release straps.

